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## DDOT Makes 26th Street Two-Way Safety and 14 Parking Spaces Lost to Lawyers' Convenience

By Anne Harvey

Power brokers Patton Boggs, assisted by Councilmember Jack Evans, convinced the D.C. Department of Transportation to change 26th Street from one-way northbound to a two-way street. The traffic pattern of the block, between Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street, was changed on November 17. In addition, 14 urgently-needed parking spaces were eliminated, 11 on 26th and 3 on Pennsylvania Avenue. The Patton Boggs lawyers had

pushed for the change in order to cut their commuting time by not having to drive to 28th Street to access east-bound Pennsylvania Avenue. DDOT claims the 28th Street intersection is very congested and unsafe.

Residents of the neighboring community were dismayed to learn that all the traffic and pedestrian safety concerns expressed to Mr. Evans and to DDOT had been

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## York Appeal on 1927 E Argued in Court

On November 4, the latest round in the over-four-year legal saga of the George Washington University's 1927 E Street/Elliott School project occurred before the D.C. Court of Appeals. Oral arguments were heard in a case filed in September 2002 by the York Apartments Tenants Association (YATA) challenging the Zoning Commission's (ZC) August 2002 final order. YATA strongly believes the order ignored the ANC's

extensive case and did not afford it the "great weight" required. After YATA's counsel Cornish Hitchcock outlined evidence of the errors by the ZC in dismissing testimony by expert witness Sol Shalit, Judge Nebecker agreed that "great weight" should be given or the law should be changed.

One issue argued at length concerned "party status" of the tenants, who live just across

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## DPW To Sweep Streets in December

Again this year FBA has asked the Department of Public Works to do an extensive street sweeping during the Christmas holiday period, probably December 29-31 and January 2. This time is chosen because there are fewer cars parked, Sweep, to page 2



## Update

### ZC Mulls Fate of Square 37

The Zoning Commission held a hearing on November 13 on establishing regulations concerning High Density Residential Retail Overlay Districts. At the hearing, Keri Culver of the Tiverton/Square 37 Tenants' Association stated residents' concerns. She pointed out the large number of buildings in the area with vacant retail space, and that "plunking down retail space doesn't guarantee a customer base." The "economic development" sought, she said, would be "ultra luxurious, 'six figures and up' . . . that shuts out nearly everyone who works in D.C. . . ." They fear more "drop-in celebrities" instead of neighbors, and "part-time tenancy" versus locals who "make a neighborhood thrive."

The Commission is being asked by the D.C. Office of Planning and certain developers to increase the density of residential buildings within the overlay district, and permit inclusion of "neighborhood-serving" retail. James Pedas, who owns a parking lot in Square 37, does not support the proposed overlay zone. In addition to Square 37 (the block containing the West End Library), the regulations could apply to a very significant number of other buildings and sites in Foggy Bottom/West End. The hearing record is open until December 11; the Commission may meet and make a decision in January.

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## Judge Orders Kreuzer Case Reconsideration

The judge in the case brought by Foggy Bottom resident and homeowner Donald Kreuzer against George Washington University has granted Kreuzer's motion to reconsider an earlier dismissal order, and reinstating the "blockbusting" alleged by the plaintiff.

The reconsideration order, issued October 30 by Judge James Boasberg, stated that the Court "believes that it was in error when it ruled that Plaintiff's blockbusting claim should be dismissed." The order also states:

"Under the [D.C. Human Rights Act], blockbusting encompasses acts that 'influence a transaction in real property through any representation, means or device whatsoever calculated to induce a person . . . to engage in such transaction wholly or partially in response to . . . fear or unrest adduced by such means, device or representation.' . . . Put at its bluntest, Defendant is alleged to have told Plaintiff he had better sell to it at a below-market rate because the arrival of students and dormitories on his block would soon greatly diminish his property's value." One of Kreuzer's statements, repeated in the order, stated that "GW has...engaged in intimidation...designed to diminish the property value. . . . These tactics include threatening residential property owners with exposure to uncivilized and unlawful conduct by the GW student population. . . ."

Kreuzer is the owner of three houses at 23rd Street and Virginia Avenue adjacent to GW's so-called "super-dorm." The judge earlier denied Kreuzer's request for a preliminary injunction halting until the trial the construction of the dormitory which was being extended over his property. At that time the judge did not find GW's actions "nefarious," but not "in the most helpful or neighborly fashion." The latest decision may affect other GW actions in Foggy Bottom, as well as those in other university neighborhoods.

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## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

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**Douglas Laird**

Federal Highway Administration  
on Kennedy Center Access

Monday, November 24, 2003

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, January 26, 2004)



## Letters

### HPRB Has Not Abused Its Authority

I take exception to the comments in last month's Foggy Bottom News that the Historic Preservation Review Board has abused its review of the former Columbia Hospital for Women's development. The proceedings have gone on for several months because at every meeting the developer's architect has made major changes that were new at that session (there are now 15 more apartments than the 220 originally planned) and has never provided a plan for the scope for the preservation of the historic parts of the structure. Some ideas were good and accepted and some not so. Aesthetics are part of historic

preservation's consideration. Each time the new proposed structure didn't respond to the HPRB's requests from the previous meeting. One time it was new balconies, another new penthouses, another new additions to the wings, another an historic wall was to be changed. How can the HPRB come to a final decision on such a moving target? Perhaps the developer should come up with a final proposal for review and then meet the HPRB's requests and leave it at that.

When the final building is built, it will grace or scar a major location in this city. It is worth several months' deliberation for a view we will share with generations to come.

*Tom Bower, Chair  
Foggy Bottom Historic  
District Conservancy*

**Sweep, from page 1 and there is a better chance for the sweepers to get close to the curbs and remove dirt and leaves from the gutters as well as from the streets.**

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## Becker Beat

### City Mourns Mayor Washington

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Sterling Tucker recalled a conversation with "The Mayor" about the lack of support for a nonresidence tax. Washington understood the politics of the subject, and uttered a truth still true today. "How can, in good conscience, our neighbors do this to us?" We're still asking that question. Assuredly he regretted not persuading "our neighbors" otherwise.

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## Bernice Hopkins

Bernice Hopkins, who lived at West End Place on 22nd Street, died October 19 at the age of 91. Her death was related to diabetes and vascular disease.

Born, raised and educated (degree in chemistry) in Ohio, Mrs. Hopkins performed medical research work at Western Reserve University and other Cleveland medical institutions. She married and lived in Storm Lake, Iowa, and managed the family farms after her husband's death. She was also involved in family and community affairs and in

Cleveland's Ursuline College alumnae activities. Prior to moving to D.C. in 1993, she spent time in New York, Geneva, Switzerland, and other European cities.

She was described as a woman with style [she loved Nordstrom's], humor and a zest for living, and a "perfect role model as to how to age in grace, beauty and wisdom."

She is survived by her daughter Mary Mayer and son William (Bill), with whom she lived; son Patrick and his wife Paula of Des Moines; a granddaughter, Jackie Koegel of Beaverton, Oregon; and other relatives.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Stephen Martyr Church with Monsignor Cary Hill presiding, followed by a reception at the Melrose Hotel. A scholarship fund in her name was established some years ago at Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Cleveland, OH 44124.

## Elizabeth (Betty) Yoder

Elizabeth (Betty) Yoder, a longtime resident of the Bonwit Plaza Condominium on H Street, died in October of a brain tumor. Her last illness was very short, and her death "a real shocker" to tenants of the building and other friends and neighbors. At the time of her death she was an active owner and a member of the building's Board of Directors.

According to the Bon Wit Newsletter, the tenants "benefited from her participation in keeping the interior and landscaping... more home oriented than just another place to live." During her time in Foggy Bottom, she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church at Lafayette Square, where she also volunteered. She was remembered during the 11:00 a.m. service on November 9 at St. John's Church.

## KenCen Access Subject of FBA Meeting

The Kennedy Center's Access Improvements project will be the subject of the Foggy Bottom Association's November 24 meeting. The speaker will be Douglas Laird of the Federal Highway Administration, who has shepherded the highway access segment of the project for several years. The meeting will be held at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Kennedy Center announced some time ago plans to construct a pedestrian link to the riverfront and a plaza area east of the center which would include several new buildings and new roadways. It is to be built over the Potomac River Freeway, which runs under Virginia Avenue at 25th Street, and access would extend along E Street to 23rd Street, opening up traffic to and from the downtown area. However, the current plans, still very much in flux, do not seem to address residents' concerns about alleviating Kennedy Center traffic from FB's residential streets.

Herb and his late wife moved to their Foggy Bottom home in 1960; he sold it only when he moved to the Georgetown Home. During a long career with the State Department as a foreign service officer, he

was stationed in Egypt and several African countries.

He is survived by his brother Ralph of Bethesda. Services were held at the Lutheran Home on October 27.

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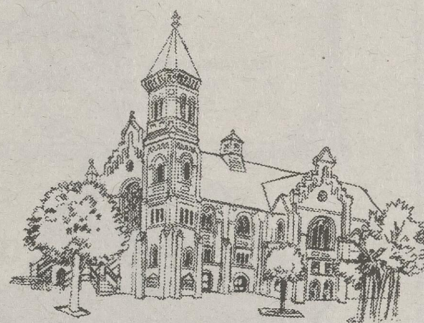
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By Jim Patterson

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If you haven't eaten at Fresco in a while, stop back for a quick and delicious meal at one of Watergate's popular eateries.

From all of us at the Foggy Bottom Diner: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Other Restaurant News

By Ellie Becker

This fall there were articles in the D.C. press on three of Foggy Bottom's restaurants.

In late October the **Landmark** restaurant in the Melrose Hotel was featured in a lengthy Dining Out column in the Washington Times' Weekend section. Reviewer Corinna Lothar said that while not "haute cuisine," the "food is good, with touches of individuality," and the chef, James Balster, "is serious about cooking." He called one dish "a witty fish and chips, consisting of seared crab cakes served with house-made slaw and shoestring potatoes." His description of a

warm chocolate cake was mouthwatering.

In the November Washingtonian Magazine, Thomas Head reviewed **Nectar**, located in the GW University Inn on New Hampshire Avenue. Chef Blankenship told the News earlier he planned to feature seafood prominently, and the reviewer complimented several seafood dishes on the menu. While disappointed in the slow and "awkward" service, he especially praised the appetizers of pea and cucumber soups, softshell crabs, and fresh tuna.

In the same issue he re-

viewed **Dish**, the River Inn's newly remodeled restaurant. The reviewer specially applauded the meat loaf, good at dinner but better at lunch as a meat loaf sandwich; "it's one of the great sandwiches in town." Ron Reda, the chef, prides himself on a "fresh take on American classics," and brought with him a lunch offering, Colorado Turkey Melt, from his "tenure as personal chef in the Clinton White House. An unusual feature: a "community table" for eight where, according to Zagat, "singles and tourists can dine sociably."

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### Agreements Made With Remington

During the course of the case's preparation, a document was disclosed outlining several agreements between GW and the Remington, located west of the new building. In addition to providing free parking to replace the apartment building's parking spaces during construction, GW paid the apartment and its owners six-figure sums for inconvenience and compensation for using the parking lot. GW also agreed to adopt and enforce a system to ensure activities at the dorm would not disturb the owners, including noise from the dormitory's courtyard. In addition to paying for window-cleaning every six months, the university agreed to provide the condominium with 52 memberships in the Health & Wellness Center, depending on Zoning Commission permission to allow such memberships.

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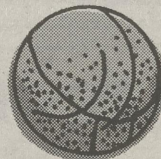
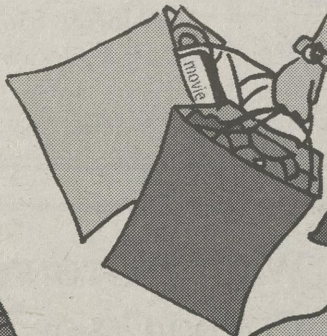
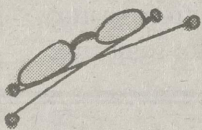
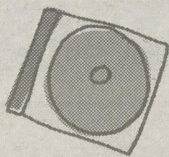
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## GW's F Street Dorm Receives Pats and Pans

George Washington University has proposed to build a 14-story dormitory on F Street just west of 20th Street, between an existing 8-story dorm and the 4-story Service Building. The Zoning Commission is being asked to grant a so-called Planned Unit Development zoning, allowing the maximum use of the space. Plans call for housing 530 undergraduates in the building.

Because of its location, the Commission on Fine Arts reviewed the plans, and granted tentative approval after the university set back the top two stories slightly. The Commissioners asked, however, that the design of the building be improved and brought back to another review on November 20.

ANC Commissioner David Lehrman, who lives just across the street in a building filled with students, testified in support of the building. ANC Chair Dorothy Miller, however, objected to the height and "too many students in too little space." The Foggy Bottom Association's submission also outlined its opposition to the building's current plans.

At a recent hearing, the Zoning Commission recommended that GW take off four floors, returning the site

to its original R-5-D zoning, which does not allow commercial uses. When the university submits revised plans, a hearing will be set.

An extensive report was submitted by the D.C. Office of Planning. Among the statements in the report was the following:

"OP would like to gain additional undergraduate student beds at this site, but has concerns with this much additional height at this site and gaining that height through the C-3-C rezoning. This is a design issue and a zoning issue."

Amenities to the community, required by a PUD and offered by GW, were increased housing on campus; public retail space, and superior landscaping and building design. The report stated that "since this site is zoned residential, and the GWU Foggy Bottom Campus Plan requires construction of additional beds, there is some question as to how much this amenity should be counted." Among OP's suggestions for additional amenities, agreed

to by GW, were windows on the west side of the building; food service in the "Quigley" building (often urged by student groups); and expanded landscaping in the 2000 block of F and on 20th & 21st Streets north of F. OP also urged that GW commit to housing on the site of the old GW Hospital, but GW refused.

In its recommendation section, OP said it "has some concerns about the [requested] height increase..., the underlying C-3-C zoning, the issue of business and residential streets, and the elements of the amenity package. Despite these concerns, OP believes it is important for the Zoning Commission to address this proposal for new student housing on this site and reach a decision, so that GWU can move ahead with a student residence hall of some size on this site in order to make progress toward meeting the Fall 2006 requirement for the number of beds on campus." [Emphasis is OP's.]

## FB/WE Sales Continue in October

The listing of sales below was provided by Caroline Coates of Coates Realty (333-0017).

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800 25th, 10th fl.	The Plaza	2/2	820,000	10/4
700 N.H., 3rd fl.	Watergate South	2/2	580,000	10/6
2500 Va. Ave., 7th fl.	Watergate East	2/2	650,000	10/10
922 24th, 3rd fl.	Jefferson House	1/1	195,000	10/13
922 24th, 6th fl.	Jefferson House	1/1	249,000	10/20
2600 Pa., 2nd fl.	2600 Penn	2/2	575,000	10/21
2510 Va. Ave. 11th fl.	Watergate East	2/2	625,000	10/24
2301 N Street, 3rd fl.	Emerson	1/1	399,000	10/31

Ed. note: Two listings last month were victims of misplaced numbers, where the first number in the sales price ended up on the bed/bath column. Can you imagine apartments with two bedrooms and 23 bathrooms? Our apologies.

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the street from the project, suffer negative impacts, and should have "every right to appeal" the order. Hitchcock was asked to submit citations from the record on residents' concerns about over-enrollment and the objectionable effects of over-enrollment, and from the project being changed from a non-student residential building to more intense dormitory and classroom use.

GWU's attorney re-ar-

gued its original case, alleging that the ANC refused to "negotiate," a charge strongly rebutted by residents. GWU was unable to cite any evidence that the ZC had factual basis for its dismissal of ANC's case. The tenants believe the case record demonstrates that GWU refused to consider any of the ANC's suggestions. They hope the judges will remand this case back to the Zoning Commission for reconsideration.

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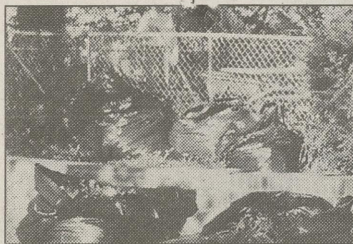




### Foggy Bottom Folks

There was a religious and social event in late October at St. Stephen Martyr Church to give thanks and celebrate the Papal honor given to its pastor, **Reverend Cary Hill**. In August Cardinal McCarrick notified him, via his cell phone during Father Hill's vacation, that the Pope had designated him as an "honorary chaplain to His Holiness." Father Hill is now Monsignor Hill, and the event consisted of a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception.

There was a turnout of almost 30 residents for the FBA cleanup of the 26th Street Park on November 8. **Bob** and **Norene Vogt** served as crew chief and mess sergeant, respectively, for the hard-working volunteers who weeded, raked a trillion leaves, pruned,



spread wood chips, installed new plantings (provided by landscape designer **Denise Vogt**), and had an enjoyable but slightly chilly picnic lunch



in the park. Take a bow, volunteers; great job!

Another great job was performed by **Mary Mai** and **Katie Guccione** who hosted a luncheon for residents active in the neighborhood. Mary is V.P., Community Affairs, and Katie Assoc. V.P., Special Events, for the GW Student Association. They and friends prepared the food, then sent us off with small loaves of home/dorm-baked pumpkin bread. Kudos for a nice event!

Back in a nearby city is the Broadway musical, *Urinetown*, which is opening at Baltimore's Lyric Opera House, and will travel to D.C. in 2004. The show, which is set in a "place where water is worth its weight in gold," has a strange name but is known

to be an enjoyable and funny show suitable even for young people. It is closing after a long run on Broadway (the theater is being torn down), and is now on a successful tour. It was produced by Foggy Bottom resident **Bill Becker** and colleagues, including his wife **Joan**. Bill is the former General Counsel of the Kennedy Center.

**Eric L. Gans** is the new Director of Sales at the **DoubleTree Guest Suites** at New Hampshire and H. He came to the Foggy Bottom hotel in April, after serving at the chain's Rockville facility. He lives in Laurel, Maryland. The DoubleTree's manager is **Salem Shahem**.

Another new hotel sales head is **Brian Price**, who joined the staff of the **River Inn** this fall as Director of Sales. For the last five years, he was with the GW University Inn, just one block south of the River Inn. Both are managed by Potomac Hospitality Services; the Inn's manager is **Charles Honaker**.

Another multi-talented resident has left the Bottom to live in New York and Florida. **Lois Gochbauer**, who lived on Eye Street with a handsome gray poodle named Arturo Luigi, was a lawyer and a

### 26th Street, from page 1

ignored. DDOT promised at an ANC-2A meeting this summer that it would conduct an in-depth traffic and pedestrian study of the entire Foggy Bottom/West End area before making the change. In a letter to the ANC, DDOT's Michelle Pourciau noted some studies of these intersections had been made, and that "appropriately retimed traffic signs and pavement markings will be added to ensure that vehicles . . . and pedestrians can safely navigate the intersection." According to the Washington Post they will begin a larger study in December.

*Ms. Harvey is a resident of the Westbridge Condominium.*

State Department officer intensely dedicated to human rights for women. On occasion she drafted speeches on the subject for the President and First Lady. Her avocations were many: actor, ballet dancer, performer in opera, and animal rights advocate.

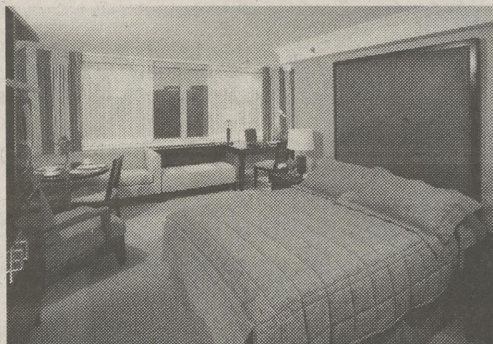
### For End of the Year Giving (& Shopping): Some Local Suggestions

1. **Foggy Bottom Food Pantry**, located at the United Church, 20th & G Streets. About 700 bags of food are distributed twice a month to individuals and families demonstrating need, at a cost of about \$1000. Funds, food and volunteer help are the three basic needs. Contributions are tax-deductible. Info: 331-1495.

2. Purchases at the **Christ Child Opportunity Shop** also benefit the city's children. Located at 1427 Wisconsin Avenue (between O and P Streets), it handles antiques, home accessories, lighting, china, silver and jewelry. Info: 333-6635; Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

3. And you recall that charity begins at home: if you have not yet joined the **FBA** for 2003-2004, the \$15 dues, plus any optional contributions, are tax-deductible. Send it with name, address, and phone number to FBA, c/o West End Library, 24th and L Streets, N.W. 20037. DON'T WAIT!!!

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## Music Abounds at St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, widely renowned for its sacred music program, will be presenting the traditional Lessons and Carols service on two consecutive Sunday evenings this year. On both November 30 and December 7 at 6:00 p.m., the church will present its Girls' Choir, Boys' Choir and Parish Choir in its annual Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols. Music Director Jeffrey Smith conducts the choirs, with Charles Burks at the organ.

Lessons and Carols, a long-standing English cathedral tradition, is an "evocative candle-lit sequence of music and readings." Included are favorite hymns and carols of the pre-Christmas season along with choral music by John Gardiner, Gerre Hanacock, Joseph Marx, G.P. da Palestrina, Samuel Scheidt, and Giles Swayne.

At the service there will be a free-will offering, and a reception will follow. St. Paul's is located at 2430 K Street, N.W.

### St. Paul Issues CD

The church also announced the release of "Small Wonder," a Christmas CD

## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, November 24:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with guest speaker Douglas Laird of the Federal Highway Administration, discussing the recently published environmental assessment on the Kennedy Center Access Improvements proposal. All residents welcome. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.\*

**Through Wednesday, November 26:** Third Annual Student Show. Dimock Gallery, 730 21st Street, N.W. (lower level of Lisner Auditorium). Info: 994-1525. Tuesday-Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Fridays, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 30:** Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols, featuring Girls' Choir, Boys' Choir and Parish Choir. The long-standing English cathedral tradition is "an evocative candle-lit sequence of music and readings." Reception follows; free will offering. Info: 337-2020. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. 6:00 p.m. Also December 7.\*

featuring the combined choirs. The sixth CD issued by the church features Silent Night, Once in Royal David's City and other Christmas favorites, conducted by Jeffrey Smith. In addition, lesser-known choral pieces like George Malcom's beautiful Mass at the Crib and Jan Sandstrom's

ethereal arrangement of Low, How A Rose E'er Blooming are on the CD, along with organ improvisations by Music Director Smith. "Small Wonder" is St. Paul's first Christmas CD, and is available at [www.stpauls-kst.com/recordings.htm](http://www.stpauls-kst.com/recordings.htm) and at area bookstores.



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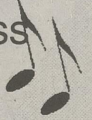
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**Monday, December 1:** "The Music and Dance of Swan Lake," with NSO Associate conductor Emil de Cou and former ABT ballerina Rosalie O'Connor exploring Tchaikovsky's music and the dance of Swan Lake. Kennedy Center. \$12; members \$10. 6:00-7:30 p.m.#

**Monday, December 1:** Lecture by and reception for residential architect Russell Versaci on his new book, "Creating a New Old House," discussing the best examples of classic regional style and revealing hallmarks which make a home distinctive. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Tuesday, December 2:** Open Rehearsal of the Suzanne Farrell Ballet. Kennedy Center. \$12; \$10-members. 2:00 p.m.#

**Tuesday, December 2:** "Almost Like Being in Love," by cabaret artist Stevie Holland. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Wednesday, December 3:** Jazz at the Corcoran, with performance by James King Quartet. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 12:30 p.m.\*\*

**Thursday, December 4:** "Atomic Time: Pure Science and Seduction," featuring conversation and debate with artist Jim Sanborn and historian Richard Rhodes discussing Sanborn's exhibition on the Manhattan Project. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Friday-Saturday, December 5-6:** Improvisation Plus+ Festival. Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. \$15 general admission. Info: 994-6178. 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 7:** Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols. (See Nov. 30 listing.)\*

**Monday, December 8:** Christmas Concert, presented by St. Mary's Court, with lyric tenor Lorenzo Smith of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Entitled "A Christmas Offering," it will include selections by Bach, Handel, Schubert and Afro-American spirituals. He will be accompanied by Louise Lee. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

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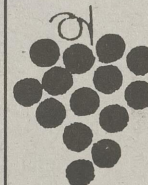
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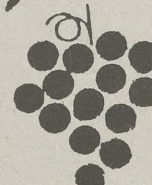
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**Through Monday, December 15:** "Voice of America—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," featuring 60 years of news coverage. Includes historic and contemporary highlights and artifacts, such as a Cold War-radio limited to government-controlled stations and a modern radio powered by solar, battery or wind-up technology. GW Media/Public Affairs Building, 805 21st Street, N.W. Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 10:** "Tchaikovsky in His Time," with Irwin Shainman, professor emeritus of music, Williams College, exploring Tchaikovsky's life and work. Kennedy Center. \$12; members \$10.#

**Wednesday, December 10:** "Keeping the Flow from Head to Toe," with information about peripheral vascular disease, presented by Robert Gallino, M.D., John Martin, M.D., Anthony Venbrux, M.D., and Subdoch Arora, M.D. Info: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. GW Hospital auditorium, 900 23rd Street, N. W. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 12:** Opening of exhibition of 17 federal building projects by prominent architects such as Michael Graves, Moshe Safdie, and artist/architect Maya Lin. Included is Graves' U.S. Courthouse under construction in Washington. Octagon Museum, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. Through March 31. Info: 638-3221. \$5; students & seniors, \$3. Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 13:** Mid-Atlantic Regional High School Cheerleading Championship. Smith Center, 22nd & G Streets, N. W. Info: 994-0784. 11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 13:** Middle Eastern bazaar, "Souk," featuring food and craft vendors; also items for the holiday season, and music. Conference room and offices, The Jerusalem Fund, 2475 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Info: 338-1958. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 14:** Washington Sangerbund Christmas Concert, "a Foggy Bottom holiday tradition." The United Church, 20th and G Streets, N.W. Info: 331-1495. 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 14:** An Evening of Jazz Classics featuring the Dick Katz Trio, which has performed with major musicians. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$25; members \$20. 6:00 p.m.\*\*

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**Monday, December 15:** "The Gold Standard of Classical Architecture," with architect Samuel G. White, great-grandson of Stanford White, and his writer/editor wife Elizabeth White, discussing "McKim, Mead & White: The Masterworks," their book about the renowned classical architecture firm operating from 1879 through three decades. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Wednesday, December 17:** Jazz at the Corcoran, with performance by Larry Eanet on solo piano. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 12:30 p.m.\*\*

**Wednesday, December 17:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A regular monthly meeting. Tentative. Info: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 14:** Open Master Class with Royal Danish Ballet, with legendary choreographer August Bournonville. Kennedy Center. \$15; \$12 members. 5:00-6:30 p.m.#

**Friday, January 18:** Screening for stroke or aneurysm, including a carotid vascular test (for plaque build-up in carotid artery); abdominal aortic aneurysm test, and peripheral arterial disease (plaque build-up in lower extremities). Each test is \$45; all three for \$99. Bone density screening also available for \$35. Conducted by Life Line Screening, these tests cannot be ordered by a physician unless symptoms are present, often not the case with these conditions. Pre-registration required; 1-800-407-4557. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 9:00 a.m.

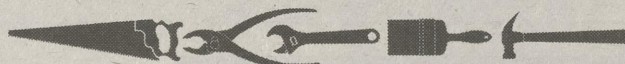
**Wednesday, January 21:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A regular monthly meeting. Info: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

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## Columbia Hospital Project Shown at FBA Meeting

By Barbara Spillinger

Foggy Bottom/West End residents attending the October 27 meeting of the FBA were treated to an early preview of plans for "The Columbia," the upscale 225-unit condominium planned for the site of the former Columbia Hospital for Women. Sherman presented slides of the proposed design, and pointed out their overall commitment to a harmonious and desirable residential property.

Of particular interest was Sherman's discussion of retail space fronting on both 24th and 25th Streets, of promising negotiations with Trader Joe's grocery store, and the possibility of a cleaner's, florist, bakery, hardware store, or similar establishment—all attractive amenities in this retail-deficient neighborhood.

It is anticipated apartment pricing will start at \$380,000, with the largest and most luxurious top-floor unit "in the range of three million," parking included.

Although eight presentations to the Historic Preservation Review Board have failed to achieve final approval, Sherman is optimistic that the next one will allow them to move forward.

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